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IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF
NORMAN STEWART BATTY ET AL
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 03/12062
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FOR: THICKENING AGENTS COMPRISING A
CROSSLINKED POLYMER POWDER
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Group Art Unit: 1714
Examiner: K.A. Sanders

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LETTER

Sir:

Responsive to the **Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.21)** mailed on February 15, 2006, the shortened statutory period for response to which is set to expire on March 15, 2006, applicants herewith submit the corrected section, i.e. the claims with all of them properly identified.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.